Hyderabad-Jaipur direct train

3630. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has approached the Union Government for a direct train from Hyderabad to Jaipur and back, *via* Abu Road; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Introduction of a train from Hyderabad to Jaipur *via* Abu Road has been examined but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

Indo-Bangla train

3631. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "Indo-Bangla train, a doubtful starter", appearing in the Times of India dated 4th August, 2001;

(b) if so, the reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps being taken to make the train journeys hassle-free, by reducing the time loss on both sides of the border for customs, security clearances, etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Ministry of Railways and all the other concerned agencies of Government of India have held detailed deliberations to devise a suitable procedure for inspection at Gede, to ensure hassle-free travel by the passengers involving least possible detention for clearance by customs and immigration departments.

Introduction of new train between New Delhi and Bangalore

3632. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new train is proposed to be introduced between New Delhi and Bangalore, in view of acute congestion of passenger traffic;